

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 20, 2006

SENATE BILL

No. 1323

Introduced by Senator Cedillo

February 16, 2006

An act relating to mental health, *and making an appropriation therefor.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1323, as amended, Cedillo. Mental health: treatment pilot program for felony offenders.

Existing law requires the State Department of Mental Health to develop, implement, and regulate various mental health programs in this state. *Existing law, the Bronzan-McCorquodale Act, establishes provisions to organize and finance community mental health services for persons with mental disorders in every county through locally administered and locally controlled community mental health programs.*

~~This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to appropriate the sum of \$2,500,000 from the General Fund to the department for allocation to the County of Los Angeles for the purpose of creating 4~~ 5 positions within the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to work, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Superior Court, on a 5-year Co-existing Mental Disorders Treatment Pilot Program for felony offenders in the state who have been identified as having both serious mental health and substance abuse problems.

Vote: ~~majority~~^{2/3}. Appropriation: ~~no~~-yes. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
2 *following:*

3 *(a) People with a mental illness are significantly*
4 *overrepresented in jails and prisons.*

5 *(b) Approximately 5 percent of the United States population*
6 *has a serious mental illness. However, according to the United*
7 *States Department of Justice, 16 percent of the prison and jail*
8 *population has a mental illness.*

9 *(c) The Los Angeles County Jail holds more people with*
10 *mental illness on any given day than any psychiatric facility in*
11 *the United States.*

12 ~~*SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate*~~
13 ~~*the*~~

14 *SEC. 2. The sum of two million five hundred thousand*
15 *dollars (\$2,500,000) is hereby appropriated from the General*
16 *Fund to the State Department of Mental Health for allocation to*
17 *the County of Los Angeles for the purpose of creating four five*
18 *positions within the Los Angeles County Department of Mental*
19 *Health to work, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County*
20 *Superior Court, on a five-year Co-existing Mental Disorders*
21 *Treatment Pilot Program for nonviolent felony offenders in the*
22 *state who have been identified as having both serious mental*
23 *health and substance abuse problems.*